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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q77027

Hiroyuki NISHIDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/644,871

Group Art Unit: 2877

Confirmation No.: 7068

Examiner: Juan D. VALENTIN

Filed: August 21, 2003

For: APPARATUS FOR STACKING SHEET MEMBERS, APPARATUS FOR MEASURING DIMENSIONS OF SHEET MEMBERS, AND APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF MARKING SHEET MEMBERS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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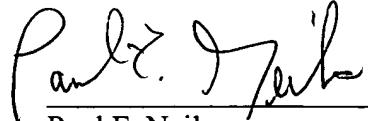
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated November 28, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, claims 8-17, for examination on the merits. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 18-20.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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